cal data having been illegally supplied to South Africa which is an Indian Ocean littoral State, operating its navy in Waters which are vital to our defence interests; and

(b) whether the contract about HDW sub-marines barred the transfer of technical data to any other country; if so, effective action taken and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) According to available information, based on the result of the investigations carried out by the Regional Finance Office in Kiel, FRG, the processes initiated against IKL and HDW were dropped by the said office.

(b) Our contract with HDW bars the company from divulging the contents of the contract and any information/data acquired during the performance of the contract to any third party, including a Government. On enquiries made by Government, HDW reported that the papers transferred by them to South Africa did not include any classified or confidential information relating to the Indian submarines. The FRG Government have confirmed this position.

HDW submarine deal

3146. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the Press report which appeared in 'Sunday Mail' dated 13th September, 1987 captioned HDW agent winds up operations; if so, details thereof; and

(b) when did the Government receive information from West Germany about commission in submarine deal and what immediate steps were taken against the agents and agencies involved therein and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Government have seen the cited press report. The allegation came to Government's notice in February, 1987. Enquiries were undertaken by central investigative agencies whose reports, recently received, are being considred.

Military cases in criminal courts

3147. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently rejected the plea of Government that the criminal courts be kept off the Military cases; and

(b) if so, whether necessary action has been taken against the officers who had tried to supersede the judgement of the civil courts and who had committeed offences under certain section of IPC for which the Supreme Court gave the said verdict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Defence deals

3148. DR. R. K. PODDAR:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-defence personnel including defence civilians engaged in arms deals or employed by arms dealers; and

(b) the number of defence deals which were negotiated through these ex-defence employees civilian and otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Commercial negotiations for the acquisition of weapons and systems for the Armed Forces are carried out directly

with the foreign suppliers. The Ministry of Defence have no information about the number of ex-servicemen or former defence civilian employees who are employed by arms dealers who are engaged in arms deals.

Proposed changes in the names of Regiments

3149. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of regiments of the Indian army alongwith their names; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal for changing the names of regiment based on castes and renaming them after the names of national leaders and national heroes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) It is not in the national interest to divulge the information.

(b) There is no such proposal under consideration now.

Third Generation Missiles

3150. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation has developed a number of third generation missiles in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the results of the tests conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is working on the development of a number of missile systems. The anti-tank missile called 'NAG' and a Surface-to-Air-missile called 'AKASH' can be classified as third generation in their class.

(b) The propulsion system, propellents, air-frame, etc., of these missiles are now under development. After tests and evaluation, they will be integrated and tested in the coming years.

Air violation by Pakistan

3151. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether air violations by Pakistan have increased considerably during the last one year and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to instal a chain of low level Radars along the entire Indo-Pak Borders as part of the elaborate air Defence Service; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c) Installation of low level radar system for the detection of adversary aircraft is a part of the air defence strategy. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose any further details.

HDW Submarine Deal

3152. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date when an inquiry was ordered into the HDW submarine deal;